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Dear *Friends of Wediko*,

I get a whole lot of phone calls every day, so do you. Here is one message that I saved this fall from the father of a seven-year-old boy:

... it has been totally transformational ... we have kept the structure at home ... the same checklist at school ... giving him space ... praising him ... it's been just amazing ... our family's intense and personal thanks to you and the staff at Wediko

Although Wediko is able to generate 98% of its expenses through revenues for services, the remaining 2% is always a big challenge. Wediko always has terrific ideas to improve our services; unfortunately, every opportunity includes new fiscal hurdles. We need your help.

Each year, in our three main programs, Wediko provides direct clinical services to over 1100 children and families. Through our consultation with over two dozen public and private schools, Wediko impacts many, many additional students.

Each year, Wediko also provides wonderful learning and training opportunities to hundreds of dedicated and caring staff. Wediko supervision offers both sustenance and spice for undergraduates looking for a summer job to young professionals to seasoned veterans.

From the shores of Black Pond to the streets of Boston – Wediko has always been known for its wit and grit. Our success with families and schools is based on all the key adults working together. Collaboration is the essential ingredient in making the impossible, possible:

As one alumnus reflected: I probably would have dropped out a long time ago ... but all the support [from Wediko, family and school] ... really made the difference for me ... it's really because of them that I am graduating this year

All children deserve a little magic in their lives. Give whatever you can afford, all gifts make a difference. Please dig deep and make a gift, using the enclosed envelope or online at wediko.org. Follow our work on our website, become a fan of Wediko on *facebook*. Talk to your family and friends, share the story of Wediko.

If you are interested in learning about opportunities for giving beyond *Appeal 2009*, please call Judi King, Pat Ryan, or myself at (617) 292-9200. Most importantly, thank you for your past contributions to Wediko.

With gratitude and best wishes,

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